

PATENT APPLICATION
Q-62700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Claude LAURENT

Appln. No. (Not Yet Known)

Filed: January 16, 2001

For: STRUCTURAL MEMBER COMPRISING A BODY AND REINFORCING RIBS AND
CORRESPONDING MOTOR VEHICLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified Application, please make the
following amendments:

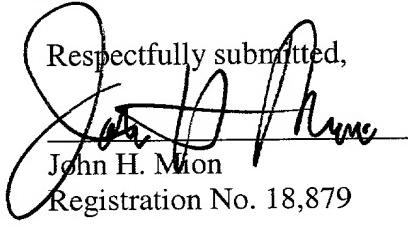
IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 8, line 2, delete "any one of Claims 1 to 7", and insert --Claim 1--.

REMARKS

The above amendment has been made to eliminate the multiple dependency of claim 8,
thereby eliminating the need for a multiple dependent claim fee.

Respectfully submitted,


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